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Applicant(s): Ryuji BIRO, et al. Confirmation No.: 8407

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RINSING METHOD THEREFOR

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Official Action dated August 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.